

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. - 8. (canceled).

9. (previously presented): An image capturing apparatus comprising:

a body having a front face, a back face, and a side face provided between said front face and said back face;

a lens section, provided on said body, operable to form an image; and

a lens barrier operable to cover said front face, said back face and said side face of said body and to pivotally move around an axis substantially parallel to an optical axis of said lens section;

wherein said lens barrier comprises a portion of said body in a case that said lens barrier covers said lens section and in a case that said lens barrier opens said lens section;

wherein said body includes an arc-shaped portion, and said lens barrier pivotally moves along said arc-shaped portion; and

wherein said lens barrier further includes legs provided on a face thereof covering said side face of said body, and said legs support said image capturing apparatus when said legs are positioned on a bottom side of said body.

10. (original): An image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a mode selector operable to change one of a plurality of operation modes to another operation mode in accordance with a position of said lens barrier,

 said operation modes include at least a self-timer capture mode, and

 said mode selector sets said self-timer capture mode when said lens barrier stops on the bottom side of said body.

11. (original): An image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a mode selector operable to change one of a plurality of operation modes to another operation mode in accordance with a position of said lens barrier,

 said operation modes include at least a playback mode, and

 said mode selector sets said playback mode when said lens barrier stops on the bottom side of said body.

12. (previously presented): An image capturing apparatus ~~as claimed in claim 1, further~~ comprising:

 a body having a front face, a back face, and a side face provided between said front face and said back face;

 a lens section, provided on said body, operable to form an image;

a lens barrier operable to cover said front face, said back face and said side face of said body and to pivotally move around an axis substantially parallel to an optical axis of said lens section;

a connection part operable to connect said image capturing apparatus to external equipment, and

said lens barrier includes an opening operable to expose said connection part;

wherein said lens barrier comprises a portion of said body in a case that said lens barrier covers said lens section and in a case that said lens barrier opens said lens section.

13. - 14. (canceled).

15. (previously presented): An image capturing apparatus comprising:

a body having a front face and a back face, a side face provided between said front face and said back face;

first and second lens sections, provided on said body, each operable to converge an image; and

first and second lens barriers, provided on said body, operable to protect said first and second lens sections, respectively, wherein

said first and second lens sections are substantially parallel to each other, and

said first and second lens barriers cover at least parts of said front face, said back face and said side face, and are pivotally movable, independently of each other, around corresponding

axes, which are substantially parallel to respective optical axes of said first lens section and said second lens section, to protect said first and second lens sections, respectively;

wherein said first and second lens barriers comprise first and second portions, respectively, of said body in a case that said first and second lens barriers cover said first and second lens sections, respectively, and in a case that said first and second lens barriers open said first and second lens sections, respectively;

wherein said front face and said back face of said body have generally heart-like shapes; said first lens section and said second lens section being arranged on an upper portion of said front face.

16. - 32. (canceled).